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SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Investigation to determine the
cause of soaring gasoline prices will
be determined by two departments
of the Federal Government.The war tax of 50 cents on mar-
riage licenses has been renewed by
the government and the girls have a
cut-price start for the leap year
campaign. The fee is now only \$2.Capt. Boy-Ed, the German attache;
Col. House, the representative of
President Wilson, and Brand Whit-
lock, the American Minister to Bel-
gium, sailed Tuesday from New
York for their European destina-
tions.Conscription in modified form is
considered probable in Great Britain.
Late London dispatches say that the
British Cabinet has virtually decided
upon a bill to this end, which will be
introduced in the House of Commons
next week and give the Government
the power to act, in case of necessity.Unofficial advices from Rumania
say that Germany is preparing for a
large Egyptian campaign in which
Turks, Germans and Austrians will
take part. The proposed army for
the venture, it is estimated, will
number from 500,000 to 800,000 men.Kansas produced field crops val-
ued at \$341,561,439 in 1915, according
to the annual report of J. C. Mohler,
secretary of the state board of agri-
culture. The valuation is the larg-
est ever produced in the state save
only that for 1914, when the wheat
yield record was broken, with a 181-
000,000 bushel crop, the total va-
luation of field crops being \$376,000-
000.

SCOPE IS EXTENDED

Allies to Seize All Classes of
Mail Believed Destined
to Enemies.Washington, Dec. 31.—The Allies,
it is explained here, intend to seize
and examine all mail passing between
the United States and the European
neutrals which there is reason to be-
lieve is intended for Germany. Hith-
erto the seizure of that sort has been
confined to parcel post, but now it is
said the Allies are going to extend
the search to first-class postal matter.In justification of the action it is
said the Allies will first plead mili-
tary necessity and, second, that there
is no inviolability of mail to the Neu-
tronic Powers, but Turkey did not
subscribe to The Hague convention
which covers it. For that reason it
is contended the other belligerents
are excused from respecting it. Fur-
thermore, the action is based on
an article in The Hague convention
which provides that immunity of
seizure of mails shall not apply "to
correspondence destined for or pro-
ceeding from a blockaded port."

Work Worth Cultivating.

The art of selling is a very impor-
tant one, and should not be neglected
by any young man who intends to go
into business, even if he does not ex-
pect to be a salesman. He will cer-
tainly have to sell his own services,
and that is one of the hardest tasks
that any young man can undertake.—
Dean Johnson, New York University.

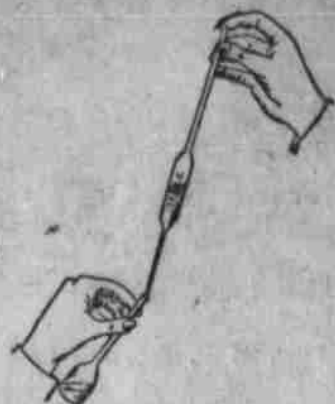
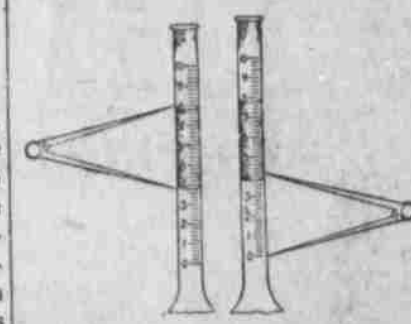
His Abyssal Meanness.

"I cannot understand," confessed J.
Fuller Gloom, the well-known pes-
simist, "why every young mother in
town should hate me so bitterly, mere-
ly because I hinted to one of them
that I did not care to kiss her infant
until it had its face washed!"—Kan-
sas City Star.

Optimistic Thought.

How many who are thankful for

USING A BABCOCK TEST

Device Has Placed Dairying on a
Scientific Basis.One important step in use of instru-
ment is to have milk thoroughly
mixed—Label Bottles With
Name of Cow or Owner.The Babcock test has served as the
necessary stimulant to raise dairying
from a disliked side line to a profes-
sion worthy of the efforts of well-
trained men. It has placed dairying
on a scientific basis, has promoted fac-On Slowly Releasing Pressure of Fin-
ger at Top of Pipette, Milk Runs
Without Loss, Into Test Bottle.tory efficiency and has stimulated the
breeding up of productive herds.Ten necessary steps in making the
Babcock test are as follows: Mix the
milk thoroughly and take out a small
sample. Do not let the sample evapo-
rate or curdle before testing. Fill the
pipette to the mark with milk. Empty
the pipette without loss into a Babcock
test bottle. Add sulphuric acid from
the measuring cylinder to the test bot-
tle. Mix the acid and milk thoroughly
by shaking the bottle. Place bottles
in the centrifuge cover and whirl five
minutes. Add hot water and whirl
again twice one minute each time.
Read and record the per cent of fat
in the neck of the bottle. Empty the
test bottles and wash thoroughly.Provide a quart or more of milk,
with which to practice sampling and
testing. Mix it thoroughly by pouring
several times from one vessel to an-At Left—In Pouring Acid Into Test
Bottle, Incline Bottle a Little,
to Avoid Spilling Acid on Hand.
At Right—To Mix Acid and Milk, Whirl
Bottle in Circle Until Contents Are
of Uniform Brown Color.other, or by stirring vigorously. Lar-
ger quantities of milk require more
stirring. While the milk is still in
motion, dip out half a teaspoonful and
pour this at once into a small, clean,
dry bottle. Fill the bottle nearly full,
and stopper tightly to prevent evapo-
ration. After stirring the milk again
for a short time, take out another
sample, place it in another bottle and
stopper tightly as before. If the milk
was thoroughly mixed each time,
these two samples will show exactlyAt Left—Dividers in First Position for
Reading Test.
At Right—Dividers in Second Posi-
tion.the same per cent of fat by the Bab-
cock test, provided the test bottles are
accurately marked on the neck. Label
the bottles with the name of the cow
or owner.Thoroughly mix the sample to be
tested, then draw the pipette nearly
full of milk by sucking with the lips.
Quickly place the forefinger over the
upper end of the pipette, before the
milk runs down below the mark. If
the finger is dry, it is easy, by chang-
ing the pressure on the end of the
tube, to let the milk run down slowly
and to stop it exactly at the mark.
The tip of the pipette is placed in the
top of the test bottle held in an in-
clined position, and the milk is al-
lowed to run down one side of the
neck of the bottle, without filling the
neck completely. In this way exactly
18 grams (17.6cc.) of milk are trans-
ferred to the test bottle without loss.The beginning should practice sam-
pling and testing milk until he is well
acquainted with every necessary step.
He should be able to make several
tests on the same sample of milk
which do not differ in reading by
more than one or two-tenths of a per
cent.

Keep Tools Bright and Shining.

After being put away in the tool
chest for a few days, unused tools
often rust badly, especially in very
wet weather. To prevent this, soak
an old sponge or piece of flannel with
machine oil and put it in the chest
with the tools. This takes but a mo-
ment, and as long as the oil remains
the tools will keep bright and shining.

A Splendid Tonic.

Cora, Ky.—Mrs. Iva Moore, of
this place, says: "I was so weak, I
could hardly walk. I tried Cardui,
and was greatly relieved. It is a
splendid tonic. I have recommended
Cardui to many friends, who tried it
with good results." Testimony like
this comes un solicited, from thou-
sands of earnest women, who have
been benefited by the timely use of
that successful tonic medicine, Car-
dual. Purely vegetable, mild, but re-
liable, Cardui well merits its high
place in the esteem of those who have
tried it. It relieves women's
pains, and strengthens weak women.
It is certainly worth a trial. Your
druggist sells Cardui.—Advertiser-
ment.

Devil's Bible.

The so-called Devil's Bible is in the
Royal Palace library of Stockholm,
Sweden. It is a huge copy of the
Scriptures, written upon 300 prepared
asses' skins. One tradition declares
that it took five hundred years, or
from the eighth to the thirteenth cen-
tury, to make the copy, which is so
large that it has a table to itself. An-
other tradition affirms that the work
was done in a single night by a monk,
with the assistance of his satanic ma-
jesty, who, when the work was com-
pleted, gave the monk a picture of
himself for the frontispiece, where,
amid illuminated incantations, it is
still to be seen; hence the name. This
marvelous manuscript was carried off
by the Swedes during the Thirty
Years' war from a convent in Prague.

Dew Ponds.

The name "dew pond" is given to
certain isolated ponds on the upper
levels of the chalk downs of the south
of England and elsewhere. Their
name seems to imply that they depend
on dew and not entirely upon rain
for their maintenance as a source of
water supply for cattle, for which they
are used. The question has been dis-
cussed a good deal, but not settled;
the balance of evidence seems to be
against the view that dew deposits
make any important contribution to
the supply of water. The construction
of dew ponds is, however, still prac-
ticed on traditional lines, but it is
said that a new dew pond has first to
be filled artificially. A dew pond does
not come into existence by the gradu-
al accumulation of water in an im-
pervious basin, from the settlement
of evaporated water from the atmos-
phere.

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tion, at a very low price. May be
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Tax Delinquents.

An extra penalty of \$1 for adver-
tising and six per cent. in addition
will be added to all state and county
taxes not paid by January 1. This
makes a total penalty of twelve per
cent. plus \$1.

JEWELL SMITH, S. C. C.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stock-
holders of the First National Bank
of Hopkinsville, Ky., for the election
of Directors for the ensuing year,
will be held in the office of the Bank
on the second Tuesday in January,
1916, between the hours 10 o'clock
a. m. and 12 o'clock m.BAILEY RUSSELL,
Cashier.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The Board of Directors of the
City Bank & Trust Co., has this day
declared the regular 5 per cent.
Semi-Annual dividend payable out
of the earnings of the past six
months, and also a 5 per cent. Special
Dividend both of which are payable
Jan. 1st, 1916, this Dec. 28th, 1915.
Checks will be mailed.

IRA L. SMITH, Cashier.

King George of England is allowed
\$2,000,000 a year for the civil list.

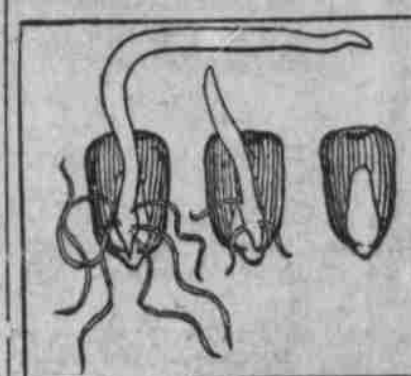
CORRECT SEED TESTER

"Rag Doll" Will Prove Satisfac-
tory for Experiments.Corn Must Be Picked Out Ear by Ear
To Make Sure That It Has Not
Been Killed by Early Frosts—
Keep the Towel Wet.The early frost this year caught
much of the seed corn and it must be
picked out ear by ear to make sure it
is not dead.To make a "rag doll" tester, take
a strip of muslin about nine inches
wide and eighteen inches long for
testing five ears, twenty-eight inches
long for ten ears and about forty-eight
inches long for twenty ears. Mark on
it as many two-inch and three-inch
divisions as there are ears of corn
to be handled in the tester. Number
the divisions 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. Make a

"Rag Doll" Seed Tester.

wick about one inch wide and a foot
long, of any old cotton cloth.Number the ears to correspond to
the divisions, placing five kernels from
each ear in space 1, etc. The rag doll
should be dampened before placing the
seed corn in it. When all the spaces
are filled, carefully roll the rag doll
up, starting from the left hand end,
making sure that the seeds are not

How to Arrange Kernels.

mixed by careless rolling. Then when
the last row of seed has been rolled
in, place the wick in the rag doll, let-
ting about eight inches of it hang out,
and finish rolling to the end. It should
then be dipped in water, rolled in a
wet towel, and the wick placed in a
glass of water. Several rag-dolls, test-
ing 50 to 100 ears, may be thus placed
in the same towel.Feel of the towel every day and if
it is not moist, dip it in a bucket of
water and correct the condition that
caused it to dry. In about six days

Showing Germination.

the test is ready to count, and all ears
showing weak, dead or moldy ker-
nels should be thrown into the feed
box.

PLAN FOR HANDLING MANURE

Best Way is to Haul Fertilizer to
Fields Every Day—Every Farmer
Should Own Spreader.The very best way of handling ma-
nure is to haul it out day by day, or
week by week, as it is made, if this
can be done. Many farmers think
that manure applied in this way will
lose its value before the next crop is
grown on the land but experiments
show that there is very little loss in
this case unless the land is very
rolling.The next method of handling ma-
nure is to feed under an open shed
where the manure is kept tramped
down compactly through the feeding
season and then hauled during the
summer at a leisure time. Manure
kept compactly in this way under cov-
er loses very little. Of course, the
practice of feeding the animals di-
rectly on the fields is a good one, but
the difficulty is in getting the manure
scattered over the whole field.Farmers should understand more
thoroughly the advantages to be de-
rived from the use of a manure
spreader and every farm of 100 acres
or over where cattle are fed around
the buildings should not be without
this implement.

Next Year's Potatoes.

Pick out next spring's potato patch
this fall. Plow it deep and give it a
coat of manure. Put the manure on
early, though, so that it will be fully
decayed before the potatoes are plant-
ed.

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AND GET ACQUAINTED

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